IN THE UNITED STATES, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

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MAGNETICALLY SHIELDED FLUORESCENT

BALLAST

GROUP ART UNIT:

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EXAMINER:

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OFFICE ACTION:

October 28, 1999

Commissioner of Patents Box AF Washington, D C 20231

RULE 116 AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 1999, Applicant amends the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A magnetically shielded fluorescent lamp ballast case for shielding humans from harmful effects of magnetic fields emitted from a fluorescent lamp ballast, by reducing the magnetic component of the electromagnetic fields emitted from the electrical and electronic components within said fluorescent lamp ballast, particularly the

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